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REGULATOR FOR ELECTROMECHANICAL VALVE  
ACTUATOR OF AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

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#### FOREIGN-LANGUAGE REFERENCES

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German Patent No. DE 197 01 471: This patent relates to a single solenoid valve for controlling injection of fuel into an internal combustion engine.

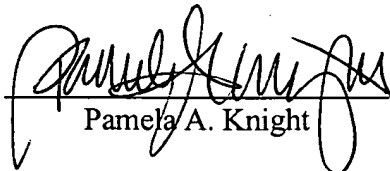
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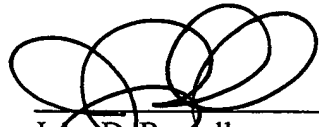
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